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SUBJECT: CCD: WRAP UP AND ASSESSMENT OF 1978 SPRING
SESSION

1. THE 1978 SPRING SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE
COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT (CCD) OPENED ON JANUARY 31
AND CLOSED ON MAY 11. THE FIRST FOUR WEEKS OF THE SESSION
OVERLAPPED WITH THE FOURTH PREPARATORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS
OF THE UN SPECIAL SESSION DEVOTED TO DISARMAMENT (SSOD),
AND NO MEETINGS OF THE CCD WERE HELD DURING THE FIFTH
AND FINAL SESSION OF SSOD PREPCOM, BETWEEN MARCH 31 AND
APRIL 25. IN SPITE OF THE FACT THAT THE CCD HAS BEEN
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PREOCCUPIED MUCH OF THE TIME WITH THE APPROACHING SSOD,
(MANY MEMBERS OF DELEGATIONS IN GENEVA HAVE ALSO BEEN
KEY PLAYERS IN THE PREPARATORY WORK IN NEW YORK) THE
COMMITTEE CAN BE CREDITED WITH AT LEAST THREE ACCOMPLISH-
MENTS THIS SESSION.

2. FIRST, THE GROUP OF SEISMIC EXPERTS COMPLETED ITS

FINAL REPORT ON AN INTERNATIONAL SEISMIC DATA EXCHANGE SYSTEM WHICH MIGHT CONTRIBUTE TO THE VERIFICATION OF A FUTURE CTB. SUBSEQUENTLY, THE COMMITTEE EXTENDED THE MANDATE OF THE GROUP OF SEISMIC EXPERTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PLANNING AN EXPERIMENTAL EXERCISE TO TEST THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM. WHILE THE SWEDES AND JAPANESE STRONGLY WOULD HAVE PREFERRED THAT THE COMMITTEE MANDATE THE ACTUAL CONDUCT OF AN EXPERIMENTAL EXERCISE, AND THE U.S. AND U.K. WERE PREPARED TO AGREE TO SUCH A MANDATE, THE SOVIETS WERE ADAMANT IN REFUSING TO PERMIT MORE THAN INITIAL PLANNING BEFORE THE CTBT HAS BEEN COMPLETED.

3. SECOND, FOLLOWING THROUGH ON A LONG-STANDING NIGERIAN INITIATIVE, THE COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED AN AD HOC WORKING GROUP TO ELABORATE A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM OF DISARMAMENT. WHILE THERE WAS A GENERAL FEELING, PARTICULARLY AMONG THE NON-ALIGNED, THAT THE GROUP SHOULD DELAY ITS SUBSTANTIVE WORK UNTIL AFTER THE RESULTS OF THE SSOD WERE KNOWN, THE GROUP DID ORGANIZE ITSELF AND ASSEMBLED THE VARIOUS DOCUMENTS THAT MIGHT FORM THE BASIS OF ITS FUTURE WORK.

4. THIRD, AFTER LENGTHY AND CONTENTIOUS DEBATE ON THE FORMAT AND OBVIOUS SLANT OF THE SECRETARIAT'S FIRST DRAFT, THE CCD SUCCESSFULLY NEGOTIATED THE TEXT OF ITS SPECIAL REPORT TO THE SSOD. THE REPORT IS IN THREE PARTS. PART ONE OUTLINES THE HISTORY AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE COMMITTEE, CONFIDENTIAL

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PART TWO DEALS WITH A BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE STATE OF AFFAIRS WITH RESPECT TO THE QUESTIONS CURRENTLY BEFORE THE COMMITTEE, AND PART THREE CONTAINS THE VIEWS OF MEMBERS ON THESE QUESTIONS. THE INITIAL DRAFT OF THE REPORT PREPARED BY THE SECRETARIAT WAS GENERALLY UNACCEPTABLE DUE TO THE FACT THAT IT WAS BASED ALMOST ENTIRELY ON THE STATEMENTS MADE DURING THE SPRING SESSION WHICH WERE DOMINATED BY EASTERN EUROPEAN PROPOGANDISTIC VERBIAGE, PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO THE "NEUTRON BOMB" ISSUE. THIS WAS UNACCEPTABLE BOTH TO THE WESTERN AND NON-ALIGNED GROUPS AND RESULTED IN CONSIDERABLE REDRAFTING IN ORDER TO PRODUCE A MORE BALANCED AND ACCURATE DOCUMENT.

5. THE MOST DRAMATIC EVENT, IN AN OTHERWISE RATHER SLOW SESSION, WAS THE EAST-WEST DEBATE ON THE "NEUTRON BOMB" ISSUE. THE SOVIETS, WITH THEIR WARSAW PACT ALLIES AND MONGOLIA, TABLED A DRAFT TREATY PROHIBITING THE USE, PRODUCTION AND STOCKPILING OF "NUCLEAR NEUTRON WEAPONS." ALL OF THE SPONSORS, EXCEPT FOR ROMANIA, MADE LENGTHY, PROPAGANDISTIC STATEMENTS ATTACKING THE "NEUTRON BOMB." THE U.S. AND SEVERAL OF THE NATO ALLIES, NOTABLY THE U.K. AND F.R.G., FIRMLY REJECTED THE DRAFT TREATY AND

DISCUSSED THE REDUCED BLAST/ENHANCED RADIATION WARHEAD IN ACCURATE, FACTUAL TERMS TO REFUTE THE DISTORTIONS OF THE SOVIETS AND THEIR MINIONS. THE NATO ALLIES DID NOT DISCUSS THE SPECIFICS OF THE SOVIET DRAFT TREATY OR ENDEAVOUR TO POINT OUT ITS DEFICIENCIES. HOWEVER, THE MAJOR DEFICIENCIES IN THE SOVIET DRAFT INCLUDE THE FACT THAT DEVELOPMENT OF "NUCLEAR NEUTRON WEAPONS" IS NOT PROHIBITED AND THE TERM "NUCLEAR NEUTRON WEAPON" IS NOT DEFINED. BY AND LARGE, THE NON-ALIGNED VIEWED THIS ISSUE AS A US-USSR CONFRONTATION AND OPTED TO STAY OUT OF THE CROSSFIRE. IT SHOULD BE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT WHILE

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THIS ISSUE HAD A MILDLY CHILLING EFFECT ON US-USSR RELATIONS IN THE CCD, NO SIMILAR EFFECT WAS FELT IN THE BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS AND WORK THERE CONTINUED TO BE CONDUCTED IN AN ATMOSPHERE FREE OF POLEMICS.

6. COMMENT. THE TONE OF THE SPRING SESSION PROVED TO BE REMARKABLY POSITIVE IN VIEW OF THE GENERAL DISAPPOINTMENT AT NOT RECEIVING AN INITIATIVE ON CTB OR CW. AT THE

END OF THE SESSION, RATHER THAN PERMIT THE CCD TO APPEAR IN DISARRAY, ALL MEMBERS CAME TO THE COMMON VIEW THAT THE CCD SHOULD BE PRESENTED TO THE SSOD IN A POSITIVE LIGHT. THE POSSIBILITY OF AN ENTIRELY NEW MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATING BODY HAS MADE SOME OF THE MOST EXTREME CRITICS OF THE CONFIDENTIAL

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CCD REEVALUATE THEIR APPROACH. IT SEEMS TO HAVE DAWNED ON SOME MEMBERS THAT THEY MIGHT NOT BE INCLUDED IN A NEW NEGOTIATING BODY. THEREFORE, THE CCD WITH ALL OF ITS SHORTCOMINGS, BOTH PERCEIVED AND REAL, IS FAR MORE LIKELY TO WEATHER THE SSOD REASONABLY INTACT THAN IT APPEARED SIX MONTHS AGO. WHILE VIRTUALLY ALL MEMBERS WOULD WELCOME FRENCH PARTICIPATION, THE GENERAL VIEW AT THE END OF THE SESSION IS THAT THE FRENCH ARE NOT SERIOUS ABOUT PARTICIPATING IN THE CCD, OR A POSSIBLE SUCCESSOR BODY AT THIS TIME, AND THAT IF ALL THE STATED FRENCH CONDITIONS WERE MET, WE WOULD ONLY DISCOVER YET ANOTHER FRENCH CONDITION. MEMBERS OF THE UK, FRG, CANADIAN, YUGOSLAV AND SWEDISH DELEGATIONS HAVE EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT FRANCE WILL PROBABLY NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE CCD UNTIL AFTER CTBT HAS BEEN COMPLETED. END COMMENT.

7. THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF THE MAJOR EVENTS DURING THE 1978 SPRING SESSION WITH PERTINENT REPORT CABLES INDICATED:

A. U.S. OPENING STATEMENT (GENEVA 1518)

B. CCD SCHEDULE FOR SPRING SESSION (GENEVA 2435)

C. CCD DECISION ON ESTABLISHMENT OF AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM OF DISARMAMENT (GENEVA 3294)

D. TEXT OF DRAFT TEXT OF CONVENTION PROHIBITING "NUCLEAR NEUTRON WEAPONS" TABLED BY USSR AND OTHERS (GENEVA 1944).

E. SOVIET STATEMENT ON "NUCLEAR NEUTRON WEAPONS" (GENEVA 3825).

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F. U.S. STATEMENT ON REDUCED BLAST/ENHANCED RADIATION WEAPONS (GENEVA 3705).

G. U.S. STATEMENT ON FINAL REPORT OF SEISMIC
EXPERTS GROUP (GENEVA 3964).

H. SOVIET STATEMENT, U.S. INTERVENTION, AND UK
STATEMENT ON FINAL REPORT OF SEISMIC EXPERTS GROUP
(GENEVA 4093).

I. TEXT OF TRIPARTITE (US, UK AND USSR) STATEMENT
ON CTB NEGOTIATIONS (GENEVA 4121).

J. STATEMENT BY ACDA DIRECTOR WARNKE (GENEVA 4319).

K. TEXT OF U.S. STATEMENT AT INFORMAL MEETING ON
NEW MDW (GENEVA 4835).

L. TEXT OF SOVIET PROPOSAL ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
AD HOC EXPERTS GROUP ON NEW MDW (GENEVA 4896).

M. TEXT OF CCD DECISION ON CONTINUATION OF SEISMIC
EXPERTS GROUP (GENEVA 6702).

N. TEXT OF US-USSR JOINT STATEMENT ON CW NEGOTIATIONS
(GENEVA 6843).

O. TEXT OF US FINAL STATEMENT (GENEVA 7229).
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